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LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH URBAN AREA SEČURING THE CITIES GRANT PROGRAM PRESS CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 19, 2013

On Tuesday, November 19, 2013, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti will formally announce the Securing the Cities (STC) Grant awarded to the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area (LA/LBUA) at a press conference scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at the Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center. Department of Homeland Security Domestic Nuclear Detection Office Director, Dr. Huban Gowadia, along with members of the STC Grant Program Approval Authority will join Mayor Garcetti at the press conference.

The STC Grant Program will bring \$1 million to the region with an additional \$500,000 in training support. This grant initiative is geared toward the enhancement of radiological and nuclear detection and interdiction capabilities of the Los Angeles region and surrounding jurisdictions. The STC Grant Program is a five-year performance-based grant with incremental funding of up to \$30 million. The LA/LBUA will be eligible to receive additional funding pending Congressional appropriations to build a region-wide, robust nuclear detection capability.

The effort in the LA/LBUA is the first expansion of the STC Grant since the program's inception. STC began in 2006 as a pilot project for the New York City region, providing equipment, tools and training through cooperative agreements to the New York Police Department, which in turn distributes grant money to other participating agencies. STC has provided more than 8,500 pieces of detection equipment, trained nearly 13,000 personnel, and conducted more than a hundred drills.

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Initial STC Grant Program strategies in the LA/LBUA will focus on meeting the immediate needs of state and local agencies to develop baseline nuclear detection and reporting capabilities, including equipment and training. The District will be an active participant in the STC Grant Program initiative by committing personnel, equipment, and support to its development and ongoing sustainment.

The District is also slated to receive \$1.473 million of the \$54 million awarded to the LA/LBUA under the Fiscal Year 2013 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program. UASI Grant Program funds address the unique planning, equipment, training, exercise, and organization needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas, and assist them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, mitigate, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and manmade incidents.

The LA/LBUA is one of only 31 federally designated UAs throughout the nation that receives UASI funding. Since inception in 2003, the LA/LBUA has been awarded in excess of \$569 million in UASI grant funding. The LA/LBUA consists of Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Long Beach, and surrounding partner cities.

The District is pleased to be a sub-recipient and participant in the STC and UASI Grant Programs, two prestigious grants awarded to the LA/LBUA.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 881-6180.

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